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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: James J. Fallon

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TC 2700 MAIL ROOM

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For:

**SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR
ACCELERATED DATA STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

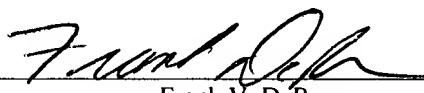
IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 12-18 and 41- 47 without prejudice.

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